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| 1 | <p>Sighting of five unidentified naval vessels; /SVERDLOV-class/ naval vessel, observed flying the vice admiral's flag; two naval vessels of the same class /SKORYY-class/, a naval vessel</p> <p>/KOTLIN-class destroyer/ three naval vessels of the same class, one /GORDYY-class/ destroyer two medium sized unidentified submarines,</p> <p>the sterns of eight large submarines. The road from the corn silo into town was barricaded because of repair work at the harbor gates.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Sighting of four to five "destroyers", four "MTBs", and two "subchasers"; 25-30 small oil tanks, each of an approximate capacity of 10-20 tons, spread out on land, and behind these, a military camp. Changes in navigation marks at approach to Gulf of Finland.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Sighting of six unidentified submarines of the same class, Powerful searchlights and morse lamps observed in operation in the vicinity of N 52-47, E 22-03.</p> |

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4 - 5 " destroyers ", 4 "MTB's" and 2 "submarine-chasers" were observed moored in the naval harbour in VIBORG which lies just inside the pier. There were 25 or 30 small oil tanks, each of an approx. capacity of 10 - 20 tons, spread out on land and behind these was a military camp.

2. NAVIGATION.

[redacted] New
pilot station at RONDÖ (60°27,5' - 28°21'). Red buoy at RONDÖ MATAALA instead of stake (60°26,7' - 28°17,2'). A white buoy at SITTA HATTA (60°31,7' - 28°22,4'). The stakes have been removed from the northern side of ROSSMATAALA 60°25,2' - 28°12,1').

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[redacted] five submarines were seen moored side by side to the quay at the naval base WINTER HARBOUR.

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Description: The vessels were apparently similar, medium sized, cross-bowed, deck-line sloping aft and rounding off at the waterline astern. No visible artillery. The conning tower was slightly raised in front with a flat top. No visible periscope or other equipment on the tower. No jumping wires.

[redacted] a submarine was observed in the vicinity of a position N 57°15' - E 22°38'. The vessel held a course for RIGA at a speed of approx. 16 knots.

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Description: [redacted]

[redacted] this vessel was one of those described above or one of the same type.

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2. SEARCHLIGHTS.

Late in the evening [redacted]

[redacted] north of KOLKASRGAS

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[redacted] waters were illuminated by powerful searchlights from land. They were all switched on at the same time at an angle of 45° down to the surface.

[redacted] the surrounding waters were illuminated as though by daylight and the illumination continued in strength and direction [redacted]

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The searchlights were estimated to be placed in the following positions:

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- a. N 57°47' E 22°03'
- b. N 57°47' E 22°07'
- c. N 57°34' E 21°50'
- d. N 57°39' E 22°15'
- e. N 57°44' E 22°34'

Morse lamps were seen in use near some of the search-lights. No vessels were observed in the surrounding waters.

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[redacted] at 1600 hours GMT five naval vessels were seen from a great distance between PORKALA and NARVA. They were too far away to note details but were of the size of minesweepers.

[redacted] a large naval vessel was lying moored to a buoy at KRONSTAD. Description: [redacted] 2 funnels cowled and raked, 2 tripod masts, large number of guns.

Moored close by were 2 similar, smaller vessels. Description: [redacted], short forecastle head, 2 raked funnels, 2 tripod masts, double torpedo tubes astern of both funnels. See sketch.

In KRONSTAD harbour a naval vessel was lying at anchor.

Description: [redacted] flush deck with marked sheer to the bow, 2 funnels, 2 masts.

Three similar naval vessels were moored to the quay at ZDANOV Works.

Description: The nearest vessel had [redacted] flush decks.

[redacted] at 1700 hours GMT the following naval vessels were lying at KRONSTAD. [redacted] described as a destroyer with one funnel. [redacted] flying the vice-admirals flag [redacted]

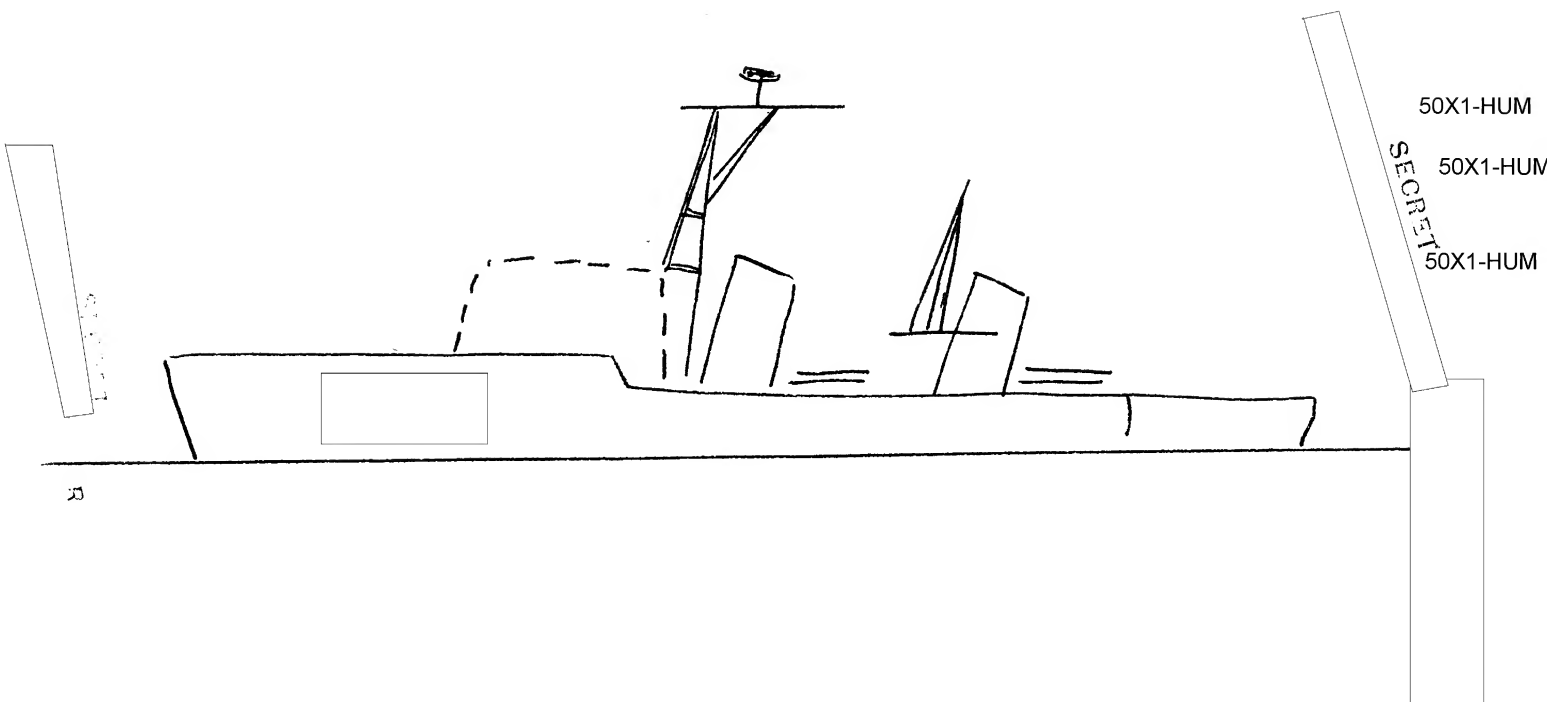
Two medium sized submarines, [redacted] The sterns of 8 submarines could be seen further in the harbour. They appeared to be very large.

2. REPAIR WORK.

The usual road from the corn silo into town was barricaded owing to repair work at the harbour gates.

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